

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are Allowable

The Office has rejected claims 1-19, at paragraphs 2-13 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,249,815 ("Foladare") in view of U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2005/0111646 ("Bishop"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

None of the cited references, including Foladare and Bishop, disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 1. For example, Foladare does not disclose forwarding a call from a second redirecting device to a destination voice mailbox, the destination voice mailbox selected based on an evaluation of a first redirecting number and a second redirecting number, as recited in claim 1. In contrast to claim 1, Foladare discloses if a call that has been routed from an office telephone number to a home telephone number is not completed after two rings, the call is routed to voicemail for the originating terminal, i.e., calls originally received at the office are routed to office voicemail. *See* Foladare, col. 4, line 62 – col. 5, line 5. Further, Bishop does not disclose this element of claim 1. Instead, Bishop discloses that if no-ring telephone service is invoked by a calling party, and if there is a voice mailbox for the called party, a voice mail system (VMS) uses the called party's telephone number to locate the voice mailbox. *See* Bishop, paragraph 0024. Hence, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Hence, Foladare and Bishop, separately or in combination, fail to disclose at least one element of each of claims 2 and 3. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

None of the cited references, including Foladare and Bishop, disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 4. For example, Bishop does not disclose formulating a response message to indicate an address for a destination voicemail account, the address determined based upon the redirecting number of the redirecting device, as recited in claim 4. In contrast to claim 4, Bishop discloses that called party's voice mail system (VMS) uses the called party's telephone number to locate the called party's mailbox. *See* Bishop paragraph 0024. lines 19-21. Further,

Foladare does not disclose this element of claim 4. Instead, Foladare discloses routing calls received at an office telephone number or a cellular telephone number to a home telephone number after two rings, and if not completed, routing the call to voicemail associated with the original phone number called. *See* Foladare, col. 4, line 62 – col. 5, line 4. Therefore, Foladare and Bishop, separately or in combination, do not disclose or suggest each and every element of claim 4. Hence, claim 4 is allowable.

Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 4, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Hence, Foladare and Bishop, separately or in combination, fail to disclose at least one element of each of claims 5 and 6. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 4.

None of the cited references, including Foladare and Bishop, disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 7. For example, Foladare does not disclose that a service switching point is operative to send a request message to a switching control point, the request message including a subscriber telephone number and a redirecting number of a redirecting device, as recited in claim 7. In contrast to claim 7, Foladare discloses routing calls received at an office telephone number or a cellular telephone number to a home telephone number after two rings, and if not completed, routing the call to voicemail associated with the original phone number called. *See* Foladare, col. 4, line 62 – col. 5, line 4. Further, Bishop does not disclose this element of claim 7. Instead, Bishop discloses that a service control point (SCP) returns an “Analyze_Route” response message to the originating switch that includes a calling party’s telephone number, a voicemail platform telephone number, and the called party’s telephone number. *See* Bishop paragraph 0024, lines 3-11. The originating switch routes the call to a switch supporting the voicemail platform telephone number. *See* Bishop paragraph 0024, lines 14-19. Therefore, Foladare and Bishop, separately or in combination, do not disclose or suggest each and every element of claim 7. Hence, claim 7 is allowable.

Claims 8-18 depend from claim 7, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Hence, Foladare and Bishop, separately or in combination, fail to disclose at least one element of each of

claims 8-18. Accordingly, claims 8-18 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

Further, the dependent claims recite elements that are not disclosed by the cited references. For example, Foladare does not disclose that when a redirecting number is not found on an authorized list of redirecting numbers, the call is routed to a default home voicemail system, as recited in claim 11. Instead, Foladare discloses that, for a particular service schedule, after 7:00p.m. all calls received by the office and cellular telephones are routed to the home after two rings and switch to voicemail after five rings. *See* Foladare, col. 5, lines 43-48. Thus, in Foladare, there is no authorized list of redirecting numbers. Further, Bishop does not disclose this element of claim 11. Instead, Bishop discloses that a no-ring telephone call application queries a region wide messaging database to determine if the called party has a voice mailbox. *See* Bishop, paragraph 0023, lines 19-22. If the called party does not have a voice mailbox, a pre-recorded message is played informing the calling party, and either disconnects or provides an option to complete the call as a standard ring telephone call. *See* Bishop, paragraph 0023, lines 22-34. For this additional reason, claim 11 is allowable.

Further, Bishop does not disclose a second service switching point including a memory that stores data related to a plurality of different voicemail accounts, as recited in claim 13, or a switching control point that includes a memory having a first redirecting number entry associated with a first voice mailbox and a second redirecting number entry associated with a second voice mailbox, as recited in claim 14. Instead, Bishop discloses a region wide messaging database 128 that includes telephone numbers and associated voicemail platform telephone numbers, which may be accessed through an Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) Service Control Point (SCP) 132. *See* Bishop, paragraph 0021 lines 5-7, and paragraph 0016, lines 21-28. Further, the Office Action admits that Foladare does not disclose these elements of claim 13 and 14. *See* Office Action, paragraph 11. For this additional reason, claims 13 and 14 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the references applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

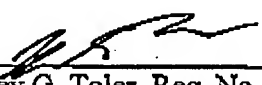
Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

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